

ABSTRACT

A network element (10a), such as a radio network controller, for use in a communication network (e.g. UMTS), the said network element (10a) being arranged between an end station (6) and an end element (14), for example an SGSN, wherein connections are established between the said end station (6) and the said end element (14) via the said network element (10a), the said network element (10a) comprising means for determining if the connection between the said end element (14) and the said end station (14) is to be released.